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(SBU) On August 11, poloff delivered the diplomatic note and reftel points, requesting support for Professor Wedgwood's re-election to the UN Human Rights Committee, to Jang Hyun-cheol, Deputy Director of the Human Rights and Social Affairs Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Jang said that Seoul was aware of her candidacy and appreciated the Embassy's provision of her curriculum vitae and supporting materials. Although a final decision had not been reached by his government, he was recommending that the ROK vote in favor of her re-election. Jang was optimistic that his efforts would be successful because Professor Wedgwood was an impressive candidate.
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